

FREIGHT MOBILITY STRATEGIC INVESTMENT BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
November 20, 2009
SeaTac, WA

Board members present were: Ms. Pati Otley, Chair, Mr. Cliff Benson, Mr. Dave Edler, Mr. John Creighton, Mr. Terry Finn, Mr. Dave Gossett, Mr. Brian Ziegler, Ms. Rebecca Francik, Mr. Steve Holtgeerts, and Mr. Larry Paulson.

WELCOME: Chair Pati Otley opened the meeting with introductions.

MINUTES: Mr. Dave Gossett moved and Ms. Rebecca Francik seconded the motion to adopt the September 11, 2009 minutes as amended.

MOTION CARRIED

FMSIB BUDGET: Director Karen Schmidt recapped the current operating budget stating that we are in better shape, but need to continue to monitor. The Director explained the outcome and findings in the current 2009 Audit of FMSIB for the 2007-09 biennia. The report was good with no findings. Director Schmidt explained that the office needs to upgrade the computer network system at a cost of \$4,000 and purchase new monitors for the two office computers at a cost of \$400.00. Mr. Benson moved and Mr. Edler seconded the motion to proceed with the upgrade and equipment purchase.

MOTION CARRIED

DIRECTOR'S REPORT: Director Schmidt reported on the status of the Washington Transportation Plan (WTP) and the scheduled meeting on November 24, 2009. The TIGER grant that was submitted in September and a status should be available by January 2010. The Director explained the types of projects that were submitted; the dollars available; and the dollar amount of grants submitted. The Director updated the Board on the Tacoma Area Transportation Study (TATS) and the RFP that will be going to ad on Monday, November 23. The applications should be returned by December 23. As agreed by the TATS group, FMSIB will be handling the funds for the study. The Director reported on the Department of Commerce meeting with FMSIB, the FMSIB/WSDOT joint project on the trestle at the ARGO yard in Seattle; and the project list she and Barb Ivanov of WSDOT are developing.

BOARD MEMBERS REPORT:

Mr. Benson reported on the Lincoln Avenue ground breaking in Tacoma on September 18, 2009; discussed the PSRC and their focus on 2040 report which is available on the PSRC website; and reported on the need to make a request to the Legislature for funds for the ARGO project on the trestle portion. Mr. Benson moved and Mr. Creighton seconded a motion to put \$1.9M as a placeholder in the 2011-13 budget for this project.

MOTION CARRIED

The Director explained that the use of a budget proviso approved by the Board at the September meeting is not necessary.

Mr. Terry Finn reported on the issues of the WSDOT Rail Study. Mr. Brock Nelson attended the last meeting of the WSDOT Rail study. The real issue is what the role of the rail advisory committee will be. He outlined the role of the advisory committee in Oregon.

Ms. Rebecca Francik commented on the focus on infrastructure and its placement on the chart. She discussed the issue of how you look at the data in the Commerce survey.

PRESENTATION: Mr. Rogers Weed, Director of the Department of Commerce, gave a PowerPoint presentation on the new Department of Commerce, the budget shortfalls, the department's vision and the eight priorities—competitiveness, education and workforce training, infrastructure investment, more efficient regulation, community capacity, rural focus, sector focus, and small business focus. With a new name for the department (formerly Department of Commerce, Trade & Economic Development) comes a new vision.

PROJECT UPDATE: Director Schmidt reviewed each active FMSIB project with recommendations on each. Two projects that have not shown any progress, #55 East Everett Avenue and #57 SR 202 in Woodinville, were recommended to be moved to the deferred list. Mr. Brian Ziegler moved and Ms. Francik seconded the motion to move the East Everett Avenue and the SR 202 Woodinville projects to the deferred project list.

MOTION CARRIED

STRATEGIC CORRIDORS: Ms. Elizabeth Stratton of WSDOT distributed updated maps showing the T1 and T2 road classifications explaining the changes from the maps adopted by the Board in 2007. Ms. Stratton reviewed the state roads, county roads and city streets. The information is more complete and based on truck counts not just the tonnage. Mr. Benson moved and Mr. Gossett seconded the motion that the Board approve the T1-T2 route changes presented to the Board including the rail routes.

MOTION CARRIED

ANNUAL REPORT: Ms. Kjis Lund of Lund Consulting reviewed the initial draft of the 2009 Annual Report with the document layout. The Director explained that the Board would not be asked to approve the draft at the meeting and they could either approve the next draft by email or at the January meeting. Ms. Lund explained the draft they received today is mainly format changes with the same text as they have received earlier. The Board will have until December 7 to make comments and changes to the report to the office. Ms. Lund will prepare a final draft by December 14 which will be sent to the Board for final approval. Mr. Gossett moved and Mr. Benson seconded the motion to respond electronically on approval of the final report with the understanding that if there is a need for face to face discussion it will be done at the January meeting.

FUTURE MEETINGS: Mr. John Creighton moved and Mr. Holtgeerts seconded the motion that the next FMSIB Board meet in Olympia on January 22, 2010 and the proposed 2010 schedule be approved.

MOTION CARRIED

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 1:05 PM



Pati Otley
Chair



Attest: Karen Schmidt
Executive Director